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Dear Citizens of Cincinnati,

On December 1, 2005, I took the oath of office and was sworn in as the 68th Mayor of the City of Cincinnati. I made a pledge to work to turn our city around and move us in a new direction. At that time, I spoke about the hope and confidence that we have in our city. I knew that by working together, we could overcome the challenges we face and move the city in a new direction. Using that as my guiding principle, I focused on initiatives and projects that brought people together to begin the process of moving our city forward.

The past year was about building the foundation for a better Cincinnati. Attached is my year one progress report. It is entitled *Building the Foundation for Our Future* and outlines our accomplishments in the key areas of focus that include public safety, youth and education, neighborhoods, economic development, the environment, regionalism, a more effective and efficient government, and re-building our national profile.

I am proud that we have taken advantage of the unique opportunity to start fresh and chart a course for a new future. Change is happening and results can be seen. We are no longer a city loosing population; we are a city investing in our young professionals and our young people – the future of our city. We have made progress in the area of public safety although we still have more work to do to ensure the safety of our citizens. We have made significant movement on the Banks development project and have set upon a course to strategically focus our economic development efforts that will continue to grow our economy. By engaging more citizens in the growth of our city, we are building stronger neighborhoods. Communities with the greatest and most diverse citizen participation are often the ones that strive.

I am deeply honored and humbled at having the opportunity to represent you as your Mayor. Building our foundation is only the beginning. While we have momentum, there is still work ahead of us. I look forward to our continued partnership as we move toward strengthening and growing Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

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BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE MAYOR MARK MALLORY YEAR ONE PROGRESS REPORT

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

✓ **In January, launched 9-point Public Safety Initiative**

1. Call for citizen collaboration has resulted in a:
 - 56% increase in tips to CrimeStoppers from 2005.*
 - 38% increase in the award amount for CrimeStoppers from 2005.*
 - 28% increase in arrests based on CrimeStoppers Calls from 2005.*
 - A decrease in citizen complaints by 34% from last year.*
2. The push to make better use of crime data has produced:
 - The installation of new in-car field reporting system called COPSMAST.
 - The implementation of a comprehensive Records Management System.
3. Calling for the merger of Cincinnati's Vice and Drug enforcement units has seen:
 - An increase in arrests for Part I crimes in 2006 by 2.7% compared to 2005.*
 - An increase in the seizure of weapons by 25.7% compared to 2005.**
 - A 400% increase in the seizure of cocaine by the Vice Control Section.**
4. The focus on aggressive usage of forfeiture laws has seen success. Examples include:
 - The new "John" law has seized 259 vehicles as of mid November of 2006. The "John" law allows the police to impound vehicles used to solicit prostitution and charges a \$500 fine to release the vehicle.
 - A 54% increase in currency seized by the Vice Control Section over 2005.**
 - Vehicles seized by vice control section for potential asset forfeiture are up 97% compared to 2005.** Vice control seized 63 vehicles in 2006 vs. 32 in 2005.**
5. Targeting the 50 most violent criminals in Cincinnati.
 - Each of the five districts has compiled a list of their top 10 most violent offenders. The list is disseminated to officers and updated when arrests are made.
6. Call for more coordination of media, CPOP, and Citizens on Patrol to target 50 most wanted:
 - Since the call for the media to help crime fighting efforts the following news segments have been created:
 - The "Wheel of Justice" on Local 12 every Wednesday highlights a wanted criminal. The "Wheel" has been spun 36 times leading to 46 arrests.
 - "US Marshals Most Wanted" on Channel 9 every Wednesday. 37 wanted criminals have been highlighted, 21 have been arrested or have deceased.
 - The "Tri-State's Most Wanted" on Channel 5 every Monday morning to highlights 3 wanted criminals.
 - The "Tri-State's Most Wanted" on Channel 19 every Saturday night to highlight 2 wanted criminals.
 - Created 8 new CPOP teams to address community safety issues.
7. Strengthening regional law enforcement working relationships has resulted in:
 - The apprehension of a major national drug network in the area. In October, a Federal indictment charged nine people with conspiracy and drug charges that could send them all to prison for life if convicted.

- A working agreement to have Sheriff Deputies assist Cincinnati Police Officers in Over-the-Rhine. Arrangements were also made for trash collection equipment to accompany the Sheriff's Deputy detail to help clean up Over the Rhine. From August to November, the Sheriff's patrols in OTR have led to 1,643 arrests, \$2,224 in currency seized, and 24 weapons seized.
 - Attendance with Chief Streicher at the "Violent Crime Summit" in Washington, DC, where more than 170 mayors and police chiefs forged a relationship between the Police Executive Research Forum, the Major Cities Chiefs organization, the Department of Justice and the Federal Office of Budget and Management to review best practices for addressing violent crime in cities across America, and the related impact on federal funds allocated to cities for law enforcement purposes. The meeting resulted in a request to White House budget and policy officials to increase emergency and long-term funding to fight crime.
 - Forging a working relationship with the US Office of National Drug Control Policy to help implement the Major Cities Initiative to reduce drug use in the city.
 - Working with Ohio State Highway Patrol to assist in patrolling local highways to ensure safe roads over the summer. The intent was to reduce fatalities.
8. Calling on the US Attorney to increase the number of prosecutorial cases they accept from the City
- The result was an additional prosecutor was hired specifically to assist in cases from Southwest Ohio.
9. Focus on truancy sweeps in hot spots to return students to school:
- Increased the number of targeted truancy sweeps.
 - Resulted in 325 truants arrested and 218 truants referred to Juvenile Court.
- ✓ **Extended the Summer Walking Police Patrols in the Take Back Our Streets** program from September to December. For the last two years, the City has extended walking patrols from May through September. This is the first time that the Mayor, the City Manager and the Chief of Police extended the patrols through the end of the year.
- ✓ Launched the **Out of the Crossfire Program** with University Hospital and the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. The program focuses on gunshot victims who are admitted to University Hospital. Each victim will receive intensive counseling and case management to develop an individual safety plan. The program aims to break the cycle of violence by helping the victims change their lifestyle and avoid problem behaviors or activities that may have led to violence. The patient's care will continue long after they have healed physically in order to help them implement their individual safety plan.
- ✓ Launched a summer **Public Safety Awareness Campaign** designed to encourage citizens to be an active part of fighting crime and making our city safer. Partnering with United Way 211, the campaign directed citizens to call the United Way's 211-phone line to find out what to do to help put a stop to violence in Cincinnati. United Way 211 also linked citizens to resources and information about all of the positive activities and events in Cincinnati that people can get involved with as alternatives to the negative behaviors that contribute to violent activities.
- ✓ **Created a Special Task Force** to focus on communities experiencing an increase in crime. The task force operated in Over-the-Rhine, Walnut Hills and Price Hill. In September, the task force became a permanent division of the Cincinnati Police Department now called the Vortex Unit. The Vortex Unit operates in every

neighborhood in the city to aggressively target crime “hot spots.” As of September the unit has made a total of 2619 arrest, confiscated over 64 guns and seized more than \$37,000 dollars.

- ✓ Held a **Crime Roundtable** in February in partnership with the Criminology Department at the University of Cincinnati to hear input from a broad spectrum of law enforcement and public safety stakeholders on the city’s crime issues. Used this feedback to help develop public safety initiatives throughout the year.
- ✓ **Raised \$100,000 for CrimeStoppers**, including \$9,500 from the City, to be used to fund rewards for the *Wheel of Justice* tips and to support the CrimeStoppers program.

INVESTING IN YOUTH AND EDUCATION

- ✓ **Strengthened the relationship between the City and Cincinnati Public Schools** by partnering with CPS on several youth oriented initiatives and leading effort for joint sessions between City Council and the Cincinnati Board of Education to work collaboratively on issues that will improve services for Cincinnati youth. Established the subcommittee (City Council Committee on Education, Health and Recreation with the CPS Committee on Partnership/Public Engagement Committee) to work specifically on tasks assigned during the Joint Sessions. For 2006/2007, the committee will focus on transportation, truancy, before and after school activities and financial literacy.
- ✓ Created the **Mayor’s Mentoring Initiative** that encourages City employees to mentor students. Managed by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and partnering with CYC, the pilot linked 22 City employees with students. The goal of the citywide initiative is to have 10% of the city workforce mentoring students during the Mayor’s term.
- ✓ Created the **Youth Council** in partnership with the YMCA to hear input on how the City can better respond to youth development issues. Comprised of high-school aged Cincinnati youth, the Council will meet monthly at various YMCA locations around the city. The Council will also serve as City Ambassadors to their peers.
- ✓ Increased the number of young people who receive meals in the summer through the **Summer Food Program**. Partnering with the Children’s Hunger Alliance and Cincinnati Public Schools. The Mayor’s focus on this program has resulted in opening new sites for 2006, including five new Cincinnati Recreation Commission sites, two new Salvation Army sites, two new sites at Victory Neighborhood Services, and three new sites at public libraries. *An additional 47,700 meals were served this year.* In addition, teenagers, a population traditionally underrepresented in the program, were served this year by the Victory Neighborhood Services Agency.
- ✓ Created the **Out to Lunch Program** to identify and fill gaps in the Summer Food Program. Samurai Sam’s, a Blue Ash restaurant, donated 255 lunches and the American Dairy Association donated milk. The program was set up in a different community each week to show the importance of the Summer Food Program and held special events in communities that do not currently have a Summer Food Service site. **As a result of the program, an additional Community Center agreed to set up the Summer Food Program for 2007.**
- ✓ **Championed the Cincinnati Strive initiative** for the City by serving on the Executive Committee. Strive brings together all of the educational resources in our region to focus on the development of every child in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky from birth through college and into a meaningful career. Strive is a partnership between the

education community, the business community, area non-profits, and the cities of Cincinnati, Covington, and Newport to create the best educational system in the nation. This partnership recognizes the link between providing a strong education and creating a strong city.

- ✓ Launched the first annual **Mayor's Summer Youth Job Fair** in partnership with Youth Zone, Super Jobs and the Cincinnati Community Action Agency where more than 30 employers participated and *more than 2,000 youth* attended with an interest in employment for the summer.
- ✓ Initiated **High School Listening Tours** to hear about the issues facing students. Visited 11 Cincinnati Public Schools where over 250 students spoke to him about a range of issues including gun violence, police, jobs, recreational activities, downtown, summer activities, and city amenities.

STRENGTHENING CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOODS

- ✓ Organized **Neighborhood Walks**, as a response to community public safety concerns, to hear directly from residents and businesses in the community. Joined by Vice Mayor Tarbell and Council Member Cole, met with community leaders, business owners and residents and talked about the community history, pressing issues and community assets. Walks have been held in Over the Rhine and East and West Price Hill.
- ✓ Established regular **meetings with Community Council Presidents** to engage neighborhood leaders in discussions about city services and their thoughts on how to work toward developing stronger communities. This is the first time that a Mayor of the City has scheduled ongoing meetings with Community Council Presidents.
- ✓ Led the city on the **sale of Blue Ash Airport that will generate \$37.5 million** for Cincinnati. This additional money will be directed to the strategic development of neighborhoods. The agreement ensures that the sale preserves the Airport, creates a park and will not compete with Cincinnati economic development efforts.
- ✓ **Raised \$160,000 in one day to keep city pools open** until the beginning of the school year. Working with local attorney Stan Chesley, raised the money from a group of local business and corporate leaders. As part of this effort, worked out an agreement to waive the pool pass requirement during that time.
- ✓ **Helped create a new program connecting the Cincinnati Real Estate Ambassadors to the Community Councils.** The Real Estate Ambassadors will work with the Community Councils to identify community assets and market neighborhoods to prospective homebuyers and to other realtors. The goal of the program is to help increase homeownership in Cincinnati.
- ✓ **Held a Health Community Forum** to hear resident concerns about health-care issues.

ADVANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Worked with the County and Council Members Bortz and Berding to create the Banks Working Group **to advance the Banks development. Made workforce development and minority inclusion a priority by establishing a committee to create an inclusion workforce development plan.** The joint city-county Banks Working Group removes the politics from the decisions and has jump-started the long stalled Banks Project. The working group has selected the AIG/Carter as the preferred developer for the project.

- ✓ Created the **Mayor's Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet (YPKC)** to tap into the energy and creativity of the young professional community to help influence the direction of Cincinnati. YPKC will advise the Mayor on a variety of city issues and will focus on how to make Cincinnati a more attractive home for young professionals. The Cabinet committees include: arts and entertainment, business and economic development, civic engagement, cultural diversity, health and environment, housing, parents and young families, public relations, and schools and education.
- ✓ Championed the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** "Free Tax Prep & E-Filing" program in Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The program aims to increase awareness about the Earned Income Tax Credit so that more eligible Cincinnatians take advantage of this tax credit worth up to \$4,400. The partnership included the City of Cincinnati, National City, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Legal Aid Society, SmartMoney Community Services, United Way of Cincinnati, and the IRS. With the Mayor's leadership, a total of 2,529 returns were filed which was a 62% increase over 2005. ***This resulted in an increase in the total amount of refunds back to Cincinnati residents to just over \$3.2 million—about a 60% increase in the dollar amount returned in 2005.***
- ✓ **Led the effort to reinstate City Office of Planning** to help develop a vision for long term goals of neighborhood and downtown development. The department will also bring increased coordination among various city departments and projects to further promote economic and community development.
- ✓ Traveled to Washington, DC to **lobby Congressional delegation to secure Federal funding for seven local projects** including the Central Riverfront Project, the Police Records Management Systems as part of the Department of Justice Collaborative Agreement, the Central Riverfront Street Grid construction project, the brownfield redevelopment of the Queen City Barrel, I-71 Corridor Access Improvements, the Eastern/Delta Sewer Separation, and the Beechmont-Wilmer-Wooster Improvement Project.
- ✓ **Hosted the Small Business Roundtable** with US Senator John Kerry. Seventeen small business owners and representatives of local small business organizations participated. The discussion centered around the importance of vibrant small businesses to the local economy, the challenges that face small businesses, and potential solutions at both the federal and local level to help small businesses succeed.
- ✓ Held a **Jobs and Workforce Development community forum** to hear first-hand community concerns in North Avondale.

CREATING A GREEN CINCINNATI

- ✓ Working with Council Member Crowley, created a working group to develop a proposal to reinstate the City's Office of Environmental Management as the **Office of Environmental Quality**. Council adopted the motion to include the OEQ as part of their budget priorities and the OEQ was included in the City Manager's proposed biennial budget for 2007-2008.
- ✓ Launched the **Green Initiative** with the Cincinnati Parks Department which included:
 - Solar energy pilot project to use solar energy at City facilities.
 - Wind energy pilot project to demonstrate the use of wind energy at City facilities.
 - Biofuel initiative to purchase alternative gas vehicles for city.

- Smart trashcans, which are solar-powered, trash compactors for more efficient waste collection at parks.
 - Gateways and Brownfield transformation project to beautify city gateways.
 - Urban reforestation program to increase Cincinnati's tree canopy.
 - Land management to reduce mowing and conserve energy.
 - Environmental education for Cincinnati youth.
- ✓ Signed the **US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement** to reduce global warming at the local level. Joins a coalition of more than 400 Mayors working on global warming.
 - ✓ Appointed to the **US Mayors Council on Climate Protection** to work with Mayors from around the country to identify best practices and successful city government programs and policies on environmental issues.

CREATING STRONGER REGIONAL PARTNERS

- ✓ **Improved the working relationship with County Officials** by forging partnerships with County leaders to address issues of mutual importance between the city and the county. Examples include working with the Sheriff to detail Sheriff Deputies in Over-the-Rhine and provide them with equipment to clean up the neighborhood; work with County Commissioners to move closer to a development deal on the Banks project and working to strengthen the Port Authority; and working with the County Coroner on public safety and building awareness around public safety.
- ✓ Held regular meetings with Mayors from around the County to better **collaborate on regional issues**. In addition, reactivated the City membership in the Hamilton County Municipal League and the Ohio Municipal League.
- ✓ Signed a **Mutual Aid Agreement** with Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson pledging that, in the event one city experiences a disaster or significant emergency, the other cities would assist by providing police, fire, EMS, emergency management, public works, or other public services as needed. The cities are among the first in the nation to execute a mutual-aid agreement. In July, the U.S. Conference of Mayors proposed mutual-aid agreements as a key component of the conference's National Action Plan for Safety and Security in America's Cities drafted during a homeland security summit in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ **Met Mayors from Northern Kentucky and Hamilton County cities along the I-75 corridor to develop a strategic approach in response to the corridor study being conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation**. Discussions led to establishing a process to hire a design team to develop a comprehensive transportation policy and plan for the I-75 corridor project. The design team will develop a plan that will use the restructuring of I-75 as a catalyst to revitalize the neighborhoods along I-75 by improving neighboring infrastructure and encouraging new development.
- ✓ **Given numerous keynote addresses on regional leadership** to audiences including the Village of Lincoln Heights, Legacy (the Young Professional Group for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce), the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Land Development Council of Northern Kentucky, and the Northern Kentucky Apartment Association.

RE-BUILDING CINCINNATI'S NATIONAL PROFILE

- ✓ **Changed the perception of Cincinnati** by successfully challenging the 2005 US Census Bureau population estimate for the city. The Census **has increased the 2005 population estimate to 331,310** from the previous estimate of 308,728. To prepare the challenge, the city analyzed city records, including building permits, demolition permits, and conversions of buildings into apartments/condos to show that the city's population was greater than the Census estimate. The news of the increased population has had a dramatic effect on the perception of the city. It has brought renewed attention to the many new development projects in the city, as well as all of the qualities that make Cincinnati a special place to live.
- ✓ Taken an active role in helping to **bring national conventions and meetings to the City**. Examples include:
 - Worked with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to send more than 100 letters to potential convention parties,
 - Participated in Familiarization Tours to greet convention and meeting planners interested in visiting Cincinnati, and
 - Participated on the Host City Reception Committee for the NOBLE Convention. NOBLE is the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.
- ✓ **Worked with the Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network**, to actively recruit nationally known entertainers for a national media campaign designed to promote Cincinnati tourism to surrounding states.
- ✓ Part of the leadership team that **secured the NAACP 2008 Annual Convention**. The convention is expected to bring 5,000 visitors to Cincinnati and inject over \$3 million into the local economy. More importantly, the convention will bring national attention to the improved state of Cincinnati and inspire further progress in the city.
- ✓ **Reconnected the City with national municipal organizations** including the US Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, CEO's for Cities, the US National Conference of Black Mayors, and the New Cities Project.
- ✓ **Led a delegation of Cincinnati City Officials to Pittsburgh** to meet the new Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and other Pittsburgh officials to fulfill the Bengal-Steeler playoff challenge with the late Mayor of Pittsburgh Bob O'Connor.
- ✓ **Attended the Mayor's Institute on City Design** hosted by the National Endowment for the Arts, the US Conference of Mayors and the American Architectural Foundation. The Institute is designed to provide insight on how civic design and public art makes a practical and concrete impact on the character and quality of a community. Presented a case study of Walnut Hills and the historic area of Peeble's Corner.

BUILDING A MORE EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

- ✓ **Selected Milton Dohoney, Jr. to be the 14th City Manager** of the City of Cincinnati. Dohoney emerged from a nationwide search of talented candidates conducted by a nationally respected executive search firm. In his first three months in the position, the new City Manager has provided strategic leadership and professional management to establish a plan for the future of Cincinnati city government. Mr. Dohoney has made engaging the community a priority in his administration.
- ✓ **Re-established Mayor's Night In**, a bi-weekly series of meetings in the Mayor's Office, where Cincinnati residents have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the Mayor and

share their thoughts or concerns about the city. Nearly 300 citizens have had one-on-one meetings since the beginning of this initiative.

- ✓ Conducted a series of one-on-one **meetings with City Department Heads** in an effort to discuss priorities, initiatives, and their ideas to create a better work environment.
- ✓ **Improved public access to City Hall** by removing the metal detectors and unlocking the doors to the Mayor's Office.
- ✓ Worked with Project Lily Pad to explore the possibility of using City buildings to expand wireless Internet access to more areas of the City.
- ✓ Convened first ever group meeting between the Mayor, the City Manager, Department Heads and upper management.

DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP ON THE CITY BUDGET

- ✓ Worked collaboratively with Council to produce the 2006 continuation budget that provided basic funding for essential services and included a limited number of initiatives designed to address critical needs. Specifically,
 - Aggressively increased city's contribution from 11% to 17% in the Cincinnati Retirement System,
 - Increasing police visibility by extending neighborhood walking patrols,
 - Including a new fire recruit class,
 - Fully funding the arts allocation,
 - Investing in a neighborhood revitalization strategy that:
 - Focused funding for slum and blight abatement,
 - Enhanced cleaning in OTR, and
 - Increased funding for greenspace maintenance at the City's gateways.
 - Funding security cameras for neighborhoods,
 - Continuing the funding for 100 lane miles of street rehabilitation,
 - Funding increase to the Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati,
 - Funding increase to the Cincinnati Film Commission,
 - Funding the City Hall Works Commission,
 - Funding for the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission's Street Worker Program,
 - Funding for business district improvement grants, and
 - Maintaining the Human Services allocation at 2005 levels.
- ✓ For the development of the 2007/2008 biennial Budget, held the first **Mayor's Public Budget Forum to hear first hand from residents** what their priorities were for the City drew more than 550 citizens. That input was used to help develop the Mayor's comments and priorities about the 2007/2008 Budget process and were transmitted to City Council.
- ✓ **Balanced budget that invests in people** while maintaining core services. The Mayor's budget priorities for the 2007/2008 Budget include: Public Safety, Youth Employment, Recreation, Neighborhood Development, the Arts, Human Services, Economic Development and Good Government. The Mayor's Budget priorities include:
 - Supporting the Manager's recommendation to hire 65 new police officers and allocating \$2.7 million for police overtime to add the equivalent of an additional 50 officers,
 - Investing \$500,000 in a Youth Employment Program, including \$120,000 to ArtWorks for a youth artist mural program,

- Restoring funding to keep all City pools open and extend the pool season,
- Restoring funding to keep all Community Centers open and expand hours,
- Investing \$100,000 in Operation Ceasefire,
- Investing additional \$75,000 for the Human Relations Commission's Street Worker Program,
- Increasing the investment in the Human Services Budget to \$2.4 million,
- Increasing the funding for each Community Council by over 43%, from \$5,580 to \$8,000 per year,
- Restoring \$433,000 that was cut from the Arts Grants Program,
- Restoring \$600,000 to the capital budgets for Museum Center at Union Terminal, Music Hall, and the Cincinnati Art Museum,
- Investing \$150,000 in the Cincinnati Film Commission, and
- Investing \$80,000 in the city's Internal Audit Division.

COLLABORATING WITH COUNCIL

- ✓ Returned professionalism to City Council meetings by restructuring Council rules.
 - ✓ Worked with different members of Council to advance the Mayor and Council's agenda.
- Examples include working with:

- Vice Mayor Tarbell on the effort to save the Kaufman building, increasing funding for the Arts, the City Fine Arts Fund campaign, historic preservation and the Over-the-Rhine designation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood walk.
- President Pro-Tem Cole on the Annual Neighborhood Summit, the development of Neighborhood Walks, and the City of Cincinnati involvement with the US Conference of Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.
- Council Member Berding on the Banks development, Council rule changes, the City Manager Performance Review, and City Hall Works.
- Council Member Bortz on the development of Go Cincinnati (an economic growth strategy), the land use and urban design plan for I-75, the Banks development, Blue Ash Airport, the City Manager Performance Review, and the effort to reorganize the Port Authority.
- Council Member Cranley to develop the 2006 continuation budget meant to continue the progress made in areas of critical concern to the city; and to adopt a balanced budget for the 2007/2008 biennial Budget that focuses on investments for the future of the city.
- Council Member Crowley to develop the working group for the recreation of the Office of Environmental Management, the Banks Working Group committee on Workforce Development and minority inclusion, and the expansion of the Human Rights Ordinance.
- Council Member Monzel to schedule special meetings of the Health, Education and Recreation Committee on lead abatement in response to a Cincinnati Enquirer report; on developing Joint Sessions of City Council and the Cincinnati School Board; and the Community Health Forum.
- Council Member Thomas on a series of public safety initiatives throughout the year.